

**PROCEDURAL MOTION NO. 4 -2015, TO AMEND THE RULES
OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE
RIVERHEAD COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, this Legislature holds approximately one-third of its general meetings at the Riverhead County Center, but all committee meetings of the Legislature take place in Hauppauge; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature's committee meetings are very important; the most careful examination, analysis and vetting of local legislation often takes place at the committee level; and

WHEREAS, committee meetings also give members of the public an additional opportunity to address their elected representatives and to discuss important issues; and

WHEREAS, residents of the eastern most parts of Suffolk County have to travel great distances to attend meetings in Hauppauge; for example, a resident of Montauk must travel 90 minutes by car to attend a Hauppauge meeting; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Suffolk County's East End communities should be given a fair and meaningful opportunity to attend Legislative committee meetings and observe their County government at work; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with Riverhead committee meetings are de minimis in nature and easily absorbed by the Legislature's budget; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that Rule 14 of the 2015 Rules of the Suffolk County Legislature is hereby amended by the addition of a new paragraph (E) which will read as follows:

RULE 14. COMMITTEES.

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E. The meetings of standing committees shall be held in Riverhead and Hauppauge. The committee meetings that take place during the week preceding a general meeting scheduled for Hauppauge shall be held at the William H. Rogers Building in Hauppauge. The committee meetings that take place during the week preceding a general meeting scheduled for Riverhead shall be held at the Riverhead County Center.

2nd RESOLVED, that the Riverhead committee meetings authorized by this procedural resolution will commence in the week preceding the Legislature's general meeting of December 1, 2015.

DATED: APRIL 28, 2015 ****NOT ADOPTED****

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO §C2-15(A) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER